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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Fifty years ago Bruce Nesbit founded Orion
3 Industries, Ltd. - a company that applies Teflon coatings on
4 products from consumer bakeware to automotive and industrial
5 products; and

6 WHEREAS, Orion Industries has been a Dupont Licensed
7 Applicator of Teflon since 1979; it not only applies Teflon and
8 other functional coatings but creates, develops, and builds
9 application equipment to apply the coatings; and

10 WHEREAS, Bruce Nesbit attended Lane Tech College Prep High
11 School, Wilbur Wright Junior College (now Wilbur Wright
12 College), and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;
13 in 1963 and 1964, while recovering from a broken ankle, he
14 started Orion Industries in his parents' basement at 4654
15 Laramie Avenue in Northwest Chicago; in that basement, he first
16 applied coatings to race car engine parts, one of his lifelong
17 passions, which resulted in him winning many road racing
18 championships; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1964, Bruce Nesbit required start-up financing
20 that was obtained by selling stock to friends, relatives, his
21 initial suppliers, and anyone he could convince; this allowed
22 him to open his first production facility at 346 North Justine

1 Street in Chicago; he eventually repaid all of his 45 initial
2 shareholders with a handsome return on their investment and
3 continued to grow his company; and

4 WHEREAS, Since that initial 3-person production facility,
5 Bruce Nesbit has moved his company twice, first to 4640 Clark
6 Street in 1981, and then in 1991 to the present production
7 facility - a 22,000 square feet facility at 5170 North
8 Northwest Highway; Orion Industries will be relocating in the
9 near future to a new 68,000 square feet facility at 5480 North
10 Northwest Highway; it has grown from 3 employees in 1964 to 138
11 today; and

12 WHEREAS, Bruce Nesbit often gets kidded about his prototype
13 machines, many of which have been patented; his unofficial
14 title is CTO - Chief Tinkerologist; he holds 31 United States
15 Patents, with 9 more pending; he is on the national board of
16 the Society of the Plastics Industry and is a member of other
17 committees and organizations such as Vistage International; he
18 was inducted into the Chicago Area Entrepreneurship Hall of
19 Fame in 2013; his company was awarded the DuPont Plunkett Award
20 for Industrial Innovation in 2014; gain-sharing, where
21 employees are rewarded for productivity and efficiency, is the
22 cornerstone of his management philosophy; and

23 WHEREAS, Bruce Nesbit continues to reside in Chicago; he

1 has 2 married daughters, one grandson, and another on the way;
2 he is truly a Chicago guy, and along with his wife, Diane
3 Jacobson, donates to several museums, artists, and theater
4 groups, such as the TimeLine Theatre Company; they are also
5 supporters of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago, Adaptive
6 Adventures, the Wounded Warriors Project, the Anchor Cross
7 Society at Rush University Medical Center, breast cancer
8 research, leukemia research, and other local charities and
9 civic organizations; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
12 we recognize Bruce Nesbit and congratulate him on the success
13 of his company Orion Industries, Ltd., and we wish him many
14 more years of success; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Bruce Nesbit as an expression of our esteem and
17 respect.